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Education

Ph.D. University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois; Economics, 1989.

M.S. University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois; Economics, 1986.

B.A. Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; Economics, 1982.

Research Fields

Health Economics
Labor Economics
Development

Economics of Education
Law and Economics

Grants and Fellowships

2007 – 2008 Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Health and Economic Burden of Diabetes in Missouri, \$15,191 (with Dalen Duitsman).

2007 – 2008 Faculty Research Grant, Missouri State University.

2005 – 2007 U.S. Department of Education, American History Educational Enhancement Program, \$900,000 (with Marc Cooper).

1998 Summer Research Fellowship, Missouri State University.

1995 Summer Research Fellowship, Missouri State University.

1994 Faculty Research Grant, Missouri State University.

1992 Summer Research Fellowship, Missouri State University.

1987 – 1988 University Fellowship, University of Illinois .

Academic Honors

2004 College of Humanities and Public Affairs Excellence in Service Award, Missouri State University

2000 Sabbatical Leave, Missouri State University

1997 College of Humanities and Public Affairs Excellence in Research Award, Missouri State University

1987 Inducted Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

1982 Graduated Cum Laude, Brigham Young University

Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association
American Law and Economics Association
Caribbean Studies Association

Western Economic Association
Midwest Economic Association

Teaching Experience

Health Economics	Labor Economics
Principles of Macroeconomics	Principles of Microeconomics
Intermediate Macroeconomics	Intermediate Microeconomics
MBA Intermediate Micro/Macro	Law and Economics
Econometrics	Industrial Organization
Senior Research Seminar	

Professional Experience

2000-present	Professor, Department of Economics, Missouri State University.
1995-2000	Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Missouri State University.
1990-1995	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Missouri State University.
1988-1990	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Brigham Young University.
1988, 1984-85:	Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Illinois.
1987 (summer):	Instructor, Department of Economics, Brigham Young University.
1985-1987:	Research Assistant, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Illinois.
1981-82:	Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Brigham Young University.

Publications

"Marital Status in a Developing Economy: Gender, Ethnicity and Family Structure"
Forthcoming, *Applied Economics*.

"Public vs. Private Sector Earnings Differentials in the Caribbean Region: Evidence from the Economy of Trinidad and Tobago" *Journal of Developing Areas*, 40 (2): 51-74, Spring 2007, (with Addington Coppin).

"The Determinants of Gender Differentials in Income in Trinidad and Tobago" *Journal of Development Studies*, 37 (5): 31-56, June 2001 (with Addington Coppin).

"The Efficiency of Medical Malpractice Law: A New Appraisal" *Research in Law and Economics*, 19: 247-273, 2000.

"The Regulation of Medical Professions (Including Medical Malpractice)" In *The Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, edited by Bouckaert, Boudewijn and De Geest, Gerritt; London, Edward Elgar Press, April 2000.

"Gender Differences in the Returns to and the Acquisition of On-The-Job Training" In *Women in the Labor Market* (part of the Series *The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics*), edited by Marianne A. Ferber; London, Edward Elgar Press, 1998 (with Edwin A Sexton - reprint of article published in *Industrial Relations*).

Publications (continued)

- "Don't Raze the Bar" Comment on "Lawyers Fees Too High?" by George C. Leef *Regulation: The Cato Review of Business & Government*, 21 (no. 2): 2-3, Spring 1998 (with Dean Lueck and Michael Ransom).
- "Earnings and Ethnicity in Trinidad and Tobago" *Journal of Development Studies*, 34 (no. 3): 116-134, February 1998 (with Addington Coppin).
- "The Reform of Medical Malpractice: Historical Perspectives" *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, 55 (no. 3): 257, July 1996.
- "Gender Differences in the Returns to and the Acquisition of On-The-Job Training" *Industrial Relations*, 35 (no. 1): 59, January 1996 (with Edwin A. Sexton).
- "Market and Regulatory Forces in the Pricing of Legal Services" *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, 7 (no. 1): 63, January 1995 (with Dean Lueck and Michael Ransom).
- "The Returns to On-The-Job Training: Are They the Same for Blacks and Whites?" *Southern Economic Journal*, 61 (no. 2): 328, October 1994 (With Edwin A. Sexton).
- "The Impact of Health Maintenance Organizations on Health and Health Care Expenditures" *Applied Economics* 25: 1451, November 1993.
- "Why Do States Regulate Admission to the Bar? Economic Theories and Empirical Evidence" *George Mason University Law Review* 14 (no. 2): 253, Winter 1991 (with Dean Lueck and Michael Ransom).
- "Labor Force Developments in Illinois" *Illinois Business Review*, 44, April 1987.

Research Papers

- "Why Does Marriage Increase Labor Market Earnings? The impact of Parents' Educational Status." Working Paper, Department of Economics, Missouri State University, June 2007 – revisions requested, *Contemporary Economic Policy* (with Julie Gallaway).
- "The Effectiveness of an American History Education Program: Teacher Productivity and Middle and High School Student Achievement". Working Paper, Department of Economics, Missouri State University, July 2007 – currently under review at *Economics of Education Review* (with Marc Cooper, La Reva Newcomer, and Cindy Mais).
- "The Economics of Light Pollution in the United States and the World." Working Paper, Department of Economics, Missouri State University, December 2007 – currently under review at *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* (with David Mitchell and Terrel Gallaway).
- "Why Does Marriage Increase Labor Market Earnings? The impact of Socioeconomic Status." Working Paper, Department of Economics, Missouri State University, May 2007 – currently under review at *Industrial Relations* (with Julie Gallaway).
- "Marital Earnings Premiums: Ethnicity and Socioeconomic Status." Working Paper, Department of Economics, Missouri State University, August 2007 – currently under review at *Journal of Developing Areas* (with Addington Coppin).
- "The Impact of More Complex Family Structure upon Marital Earnings Premiums." Working Paper, Department of Economics, Missouri State University, June 2006 – currently under review at *International Review of Applied Economics*.

Research in Progress

“The Effectiveness of an American History Education Program: The Long-Term Impact of History Education on Teacher Productivity”. This is an extension of our earlier paper which presented results from the first year of the program. The current paper will present results of later years of the program (with Marc Cooper, La Reva Newcomer, and Cindy Mais).

“Light Pollution at U.S. National Parks: Contingent Valuation versus Travel Costs” The project examines the demand for dark skies at U.S. National Parks in the Western United States using both contingent valuation and travel costs methods. (With Terrel Gallaway and David Mitchell).

"The Regulation of Medical Professions (Including Medical Malpractice)" I'm in the process of updating my previous chapter on medical malpractice published in *The Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, (see above) for a new edition. As with the original article, the update will be peer-reviewed.

“Why Does Marriage Increase Labor Market Earnings? The Interaction of Socioeconomic Status and Work Status of Spouses”. This is an extension of our research on marital wage premiums focusing on how socioeconomic status and work status interact to affect marital wage premiums. The preliminary paper is scheduled to be presented at the Midwest Economic Association meetings in March of 2008. (With Julie Gallaway).

The Efficiency of Medical Malpractice Law: History and Empirical Evidence. Essentially, this project is to ultimately result in a book which conveys the results of my previous published research and new research yet to be conducted in a book.

“The Impact of Incentives upon Student Achievement and School Performance.” Basically, this paper is intended to convey the very positive results from the six year program that assessed school and student performance for Springfield Public Schools and gave incentives, both monetary and non-monetary, to schools, administrators, and teachers to improve performance.

Major Government Contracts

Springfield Missouri Public Schools, School Funding Effectiveness Project, 2004-2005 Academic Year, October 2005 through January 2006.

Springfield Missouri Public Schools, Student Achievement and School Assessment Project, 2004-2005 Academic Year, August 2005 through May 2006.

Springfield Missouri Public Schools, Student Achievement and School Assessment Project, 2003-2004 Academic Year, August 2004 through May 2005.

Springfield Missouri Public Schools, Student Achievement and School Assessment Project, 2002-2003 Academic Year, September 2003 through January 2004.

Springfield Missouri Public Schools, Student Achievement and School Assessment Project, 2001-2002 Academic Year, September 2002 through January 2003.

Springfield Missouri Public Schools, Student Achievement and School Assessment Project, 2000-2001 Academic Year, September 2001 through January 2002.

Springfield Missouri Public Schools, Student Achievement and School Assessment Project, 1999-2000 Academic Year, May 2001 through August 2001.

“Springfield One Percent Sales Tax Revenue: Recent Trends and Statistical Analysis”, City of Springfield, Missouri, August 1999.

Recent Major Presentations to Public Audiences

- “Public School Accountability: Recent Experience and Practical Lessons”, Missouri State University Faculty and Student Seminar, April 11, 2006.**
- “Kickapoo High School, Methods of Improvement under the SPS School Accountability Plan”, Presented to Faculty and Staff of Kickapoo High School, Springfield Public Schools (SPS), January 24, 2006 and February 7, 2006.**
- “Springfield Public Schools, Annual School Accountability Report 2004/2005: Analysis of Results”, Presented to SPS Administrators and Principals, January 10, 2006.**
- “Springfield Public Schools, The Effectiveness of Per Student School Funding: Analysis of Results”, Presented to SPS Administrators, December 19, 2005.**
- “Springfield Public Schools, Annual School Accountability Report 2003/2004: Analysis of Results”, Presented to SPS Administrators and Principals, December, 8 2004.**
- “Springfield Public Schools, Annual School Accountability Report 2002/2003: Analysis of Results”, Presented to SPS Administrators and Principals, January 14, 2004.**
- “The Assessment of Springfield Public Schools Achievement Scores: A Multiple Regression Approach”, presented to Missouri State University, Department of Agriculture, Student Forum, October 2003.**
- “Carver Middle School, Methods of Improvement under the SPS School Accountability Plan”, Presented to Faculty and Staff of Carver Middle School, February, 2003.**
- “Springfield Public Schools, Annual School Accountability Report 2001/2002: Analysis of Results”, Presented to SPS Administrators and Principals, January 23, 2003.**
- “The Use of Multiple Regression Analysis in School Assessment: Application to No Child Left Behind Legislation”, Presentation to Kent King and Staff, State of Missouri Commissioner of Education, December 12, 2002.**
- “The Assessment of Springfield Public Schools Achievement Scores: A Multiple Regression Approach”, presented to Missouri State University, Department of Economics, Student Forum, November 11, 2002.**
- “Springfield Public Schools, Annual School Accountability Report 2000/2001: Analysis of Results”, Presented to SPS Administrators and Principals, January 24, 2002.**
- “The Use of Multiple Regression Analysis in School Assessment”, Presentation to the School Board of Springfield Public Schools, September 27, 2001.**
- “Springfield Public Schools, Annual School Accountability Report 1999/2000: Analysis of Results”, Presented to SPS Administrators and Principals, August 8, 2001.**
- Appeared on the MSU program Common Purpose, which was taped in November of 2001 and aired in early December several times. I appeared on the program with Dr. Jack Ernst, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools, and Dr. Phyllis Chase, Chief of Staff of Springfield Public Schools. The topic of discussion was Springfield Public Schools new assessment program, which was mostly based upon work done by me for the school district.**
- Guest Lecture, Dr. Francie Wolff’s Gender Studies (GST 170) courses. Lecture Topic, Economics of Wage Discrimination, November 2001.**
- “The Assessment of Springfield Public Schools Achievement Scores: A Multiple Regression Approach”, Presented to Principals and Staff of Springfield Public Schools, May 28, 2001**

Recent Major Presentations to Public Audiences (continued)

- “Health Policy Think Tank,” April 30, 2001 - sponsored by the MSU Nursing Department, Health Policy and Issues Class. Topic: Uninsured Working Adults. Moderators: Sue Yarborough, MSU and Susan Hinck, MSU.**
- “Why Women Make Less Money than Men: Wage Discrimination in the U.S. and Abroad, Past, Present, and Future”, March 8, 2001. A presentation given as part of Women’s History Month, sponsored by MSU Meyer Library.**
- Public Affairs Panel Discussion, March 21, 2000 - sponsored by the MSU English Department. Topic: The State and Future of Health Care Systems.**

Professional Presentations

- “Why Does Marriage Increase Labor Market Earnings? The impact of Parents’ Educational Status.” Presented at the Western Economic Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington, July 2, 2007.**
- “The Economics of Light Pollution in the United States and the World.” Presented at the Western Economic Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington, July 2, 2007.**
- “Evaluating Student and Teacher Performance in a Teaching American History Program”. Presented at the Teaching American History, Western Regional Project Directors’ Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 26-27, 2006.**
- “Why Does Marriage Increase Labor Market Earnings? The Impact of Socioeconomic Status”. Presented at the Western Economic Association Annual Meetings, San Diego, California, July 2, 2006.**
- “The Impact of More Complex Family Structure upon Marital Earnings Premiums”. Presented at the Midwest Economics Association annual meetings, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 2005.**
- “Marital Premiums and Marital Formation: The Impact of More Complex Family Structure”. Presented at the Western Economic Association annual meetings, Vancouver, Canada, July 2004.**
- “Is Cohabitation a Cause or Consequence of Lower Earnings? Evidence from a Caribbean Labor Market”. Presented at the Midwest Economic Association annual meetings, Chicago, March 2002.**
- "The Impact of Privatization on Relative Earnings in the Caribbean Region: Evidence from the Economy of Trinidad and Tobago." Presented at the Caribbean Studies Association annual meetings, Panama City, Panama, May 1999.**
- "The Efficiency of Medical Malpractice: Theory and Empirical Evidence" Presented at the Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, March 1997.**
- "Ethnic Differences in Human Capital Earnings in Trinidad and Tobago" Presented at the American Economic Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 1997.**
- "The Efficiency of Medical Malpractice: Theory and Empirical Evidence" Presented at the Western Economic Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, California, July 1996.**
- "The Efficiency of Medical Malpractice: A New Appraisal" Presented at the Department of Economics, Oakland University, April 1996.**
- "The Reform of Medical Malpractice: Historical Perspectives" Presented at the Western Economic Association Annual Meetings, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, June 1993.**

Professional Presentations (continued)

"The Returns to On-the-Job Training: Are they the same for Blacks and Whites?" Presented at the American Economic Association annual meetings, Anaheim, California, January 1993.

"The Returns to On-the-Job Training: Are they the same for Blacks and Whites?" Presented at the Midwest Economic Association annual meetings, Chicago, Illinois, March 1992.

Organized (and served as chair) of Law and Economics Session at the Western Economic Association annual meetings, Seattle, Washington, July 1991.

"Gender Differences in the Returns to and the Acquisition of On-The-Job Training" Presented at the Western Economic Association annual meetings, Seattle, Washington, July 1991.

"Why Does Tort Law Intervene in Contractual Relationships?" Presented at the Western Economic Association annual meetings, Seattle, Washington, July 1991.

"Market and Regulatory Forces in the Pricing of Legal Services?" Presented at the Department of Economics, Wichita State University, April 1991.

"Why Does Tort Law Intervene in Contractual Relationships?" Presented at the Department of Economics, Wichita State University, September 1990.

"The Impact of Health Maintenance Organizations on Health and Health Care Expenditures" Presented at the Western Economic Association annual meetings, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, June 1989.